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NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES FOR  
THE DETECTION AND/OR  
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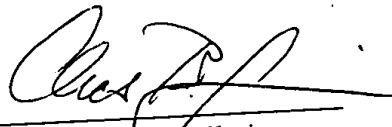
Dear Sir:

Applicant received a communication from the Examiner mailed on June 8, 1998 indicating that all pending claims of the instant application were allowable but that *ex parte* prosecution was being suspended pending the resolution of a potential interference. Since that time, Applicant has received no further communications from the Patent and Trademark Office concerning this matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests information concerning the current status of this case.

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